

Annual Report of the English Congregation of CGCM - January 2017

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

As result of Pastor Steve's Doctor of Ministry study, **Courageous Evangelism Training** was launched as a prototype. Twelve members of LifeLight were trained in September. In October, a group went to Cushing Memorial Park with Evangelist Mark Sohmer to share their faith. More trainings will follow.

In October, we were excited to purchase and dedicate **New Bibles** (NIV 2011) so that all worshippers can participate in reading out loud together the passage of the day. We also encourage folks to bring their own Bibles for notetaking.

Also in October, our worship space got a facelift as the **English Sanctuary was painted**. It looks great! Thank You to Janelle Koizumi and Bill Yu and the whole Team of dedicated workers who made it happen. Plans are also being made to install new carpet.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for Men** continues to express their gratitude for being hosted at CGCM this fall. This is an exciting development for the Kingdom of God in this region as there has never been a Men's group in the area. 75 attend and they hope to reach 100.

**LEADERSHIP:** Many thanks to those who worked planning and serving as servant leaders on Leadership for LifeLight in 2016. Heaps of gratitude to God for Peggy Yu, Winnie Hua, Janelle and Scott Koizumi, Jonathan and Phyllis Enoch, Elliot Lui, Kathy and Pastor Eric, , and Jan and Pastor Steve Misarski. We are grateful for Kevin and Cecilia Hung joining the team. We gathered for Encouragement Evenings at the Misarski's throughout the year as well as planning meetings.

**WORSHIP:** Praise God for the twenty youth and adults that faithfully serve on four worship teams leading us into the presence of God each Sunday. We keep graduating talented high school seniors but have encouraged some Middle Schoolers to move into these gaps. We were blessed with three new adults on the worship teams. Prayer continues through Thursday Virtual Prayer, the Prayer Wall and Mom's Monthly Prayer.

**FELLOWSHIP:** This year has been a transition year with two fellowships (Friday CGCM and Sunday Upton) concluding this past spring. A Young Adult Fellowship made a start this summer with Greg Hsu speaking and connecting. More work is to be done. The Brother's Fellowship gathered men to Ski Wachusett in the winter and Bike Bristol RI in the summer accompanied with good food. The Sisters Fellowship met to pack College Care Packages and had a Night Out. Our Mothers'/Fathers' Day Picnic on the Hill gathered about 50 but also started with a Bon Fire on Friday night. Thank you, Winnie for again hosting a great Christmas Party @ the Clubhouse.

**OUTREACH:** Aside from the above adventure in Cushing Memorial Park, we continued to invite seekers to Easter Celebration and Evangelistic Films. Christmas Caroling at Whitney Place brought Christ's love and joy to many. We also encouraged families to participate in Operation Christmas Child.

**MISSIONS:** We were excited to have campus missionaries for IVCF Dan and Kathy Shiau speak this year. Three of our college students served and were supported by LifeLight: Mary Ying in Central Asia, Brendan Anzures in Mexico and Sam Misarski in Germany.

**TEACHING:** Pastor Steve and Pastor Eric preached on the Power of the Gospel (Luke), Witnessing (Acts), Leadership (Judges), and the Gospel of Action (Mark) this year. Adults studied stewardship with Financial Peace University and relationships with Discover Your Heart with the Flag Page.

VISION: Our theme for 2017 is "Growing Deep and Wide by Intentional Discipleship."





